

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 1, 4, 9, and 10.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Sawada et al. (2002/0016858, hereinafter “Sawada”) in view of Monachello et al. (6,748,439, hereinafter “Monachello”).

Applicant amends claim 1 to recite, *inter alia*, “wherein said temporary-use address offer means and said authentication-propriety determination means are connected through an IP management network which facilitates authentication of the communication terminal to the predetermined network.” Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner’s reliance on the DHCP server and user authentication unit of Sawada for allegedly teaching the “temporary-use address offer means” and “authentication-propriety determination means” recited in claim 1 is improper given the recited “temporary-use address offer means” to “authentication-propriety determination means” relationship through “an IP management network,” in combination with other elements of claim 1.

Claims 4, 9, and 10 recite features similar to those discussed above, and hence claims 4, 9, and 10 should be deemed patentable for at least analogous reasons.

Claims 2, 3, 5-8, and 11 depend on claims 1, 4, 9, and 10, and hence claims 2, 3, 5-8, and 11 should be deemed patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claims 1, 4, 9, and 10.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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